

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 is pending in this application.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed and amended claim 1 to correct the indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner. Applicant submits that claim 1 is now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. No new matter is introduced in the amendments. Withdrawal of the rejection for claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over prior art cited (Figure 1-3) in view of Wallenstatter (6,335,356). Applicant traverses the rejection for the following reasons.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the prior art discloses the first and second pole holding tapes (11 and 12) that are fixed to the plurality of sewing lines (21) to the corner of the tent fabric (1); the sewing line is treated with waterproof tape (3). However, it is submitted that the prior art fails to disclose or suggest a waterproof-coated member which is covered by a front waterproof tape. According to the prior art, the waterproof tape 3 is fixed to the first pole holding tape 11 as shown in Figure 3. In contrast, according to the claimed invention, the front waterproof tape 112 is fixed to the waterproof coated member 111 as shown in Figure 5.

Further, Applicant submits that Wallenstatter fails to disclose or suggest a waterproof-coated member and a side waterproof tape of claim 1, as amended. According to the claimed invention, the waterproof-coated member is fixed by a sewing line to the corner portion of the tent fabric in which the front of the sewing line is covered by a front waterproof tape, and both ends of the waterproof-coated member being attached to the first pole-holding tape and the second pole-holding tape. Further, the side waterproof tape is attached to the outer side of a plurality of sewing lines arranged between the back surface of

the waterproof-coated member and the inner surface of the tent fabric. Applicant submits that Wallenstatter simply fails to disclose or suggest these elements. Wallenstatter merely discloses use of a waterproof material to a portion of canvas of the floor of a tent and its lower sides (see column 2, lines 34-28) and to outside canvas, which covers whole tent (please refer Figure 2 and column 2, lines 49-56). The outside canvas can be ultimately useable as waterproof poncho (please see Figure 8 and column 5, lines 1-8). It is submitted that Wallenstatter is completely moot in describing or teaching the waterproof-coated member and the side waterproof tape of the claimed invention.

For all of the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not made obvious over prior art cited (figures 1-3) in view of Wallenstatter under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Conclusion

The prior arts made of record and not relied upon are noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

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